



February 10, 2016

R. Zachary Wasserman, Chair
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 10600
San Francisco, CA 94102-7019

RE: San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority's San Francisquito Creek Flood Reduction, Restoration, and Recreation San Francisco Bay to Highway 101 Project Permit Application 2013.007.00 - Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Wasserman:

As a member agency of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA), the City of Menlo Park (City) has been working on improving flood protection to the thousands of residents who live in the flood prone areas within the San Francisquito Creek (Creek) watershed. In 2013, the SFCJPA submitted a permit application for the San Francisquito Creek Flood Reduction, Restoration, and Recreation San Francisco Bay to Highway 101 Project, which focuses on flood control improvements in the downstream section of the Creek, east of Highway 101 in the cities of East Palo Alto and Palo Alto. This project represents the first phase of improvements aimed at providing residents with protection from the 100-year flood. The project addresses the Creek conditions in the downstream sections prior to the implementation of improvements in the upper sections, an approach that minimizes the transfer of flood risk that might occur if improvements were first made to areas in the upper watershed.

Because of the importance of a targeted, phased approach to flood protection in the San Francisquito Creek watershed, the San Francisco Bay to Highway 101 Project is a critical first step towards improving overall flood protection for Menlo Park, Palo Alto, and East Palo Alto residents. Once the project is underway, the SFCJPA will continue to evaluate and implement projects required in the upstream sections of the Creek.

Our community and neighboring cities continue to experience flooding. We respectfully request the approval of the SFCJPA's San Francisco Bay to Highway 101 Project permit application. With the implementation of this project, we will be able continue our efforts in providing 100-year flood protection to our residents.

Sincerely,

Richard Cline
Mayor

Cc: Larry Goldzband, BCDC Executive Director
Len Materman, SFCJPA Executive Director